



Congressman Roy Blunt's **-- BLUEPRINT --** for Energy Independence

-----Adding New Energy to the Pipeline

The price of gasoline goes up when supply of new energy remains low. Blunt is among Congress's leading advocates for producing more American energy for American consumers, working hard to pass legislation last Congress to expand domestic energy production – lowering prices at home, and lessening our dependence on foreign, unstable parts of the world.

-----Promoting the Renewable Energy of Tomorrow, Today

True energy independence can only be achieved if we take advantage of the abundant renewable supplies we have here at home. Missouri is a leading producer of agricultural energy resources – resources that can be converted into clean-burning fuels that will reduce our demand for foreign oil. Last Congress, Blunt guided into law important tax credits for biodiesel producers – encouraging the production of new supply, and in the process creating new, good-paying jobs and strengthening Missouri's economy.

-----Working to Increase American Refining Capacity

Demand for gasoline has increased by 30 percent in the past 30 years, but the United States today has 92 fewer refineries in service than it did in 1977. Blunt joined with House Republicans last Congress to pass H.R. 5254, long-overdue legislation that cuts through the red tape by both promoting the construction of new refineries, and helping to expand existing ones.

-----Simplifying the Specialty Fuels Market

The current gasoline supply includes “boutique,” or specially formulated fuels that in some places are required by law. But when supplies of these specialty, community-specific blends are limited, prices rise quickly—sometimes overnight. Legislation authored by Blunt has begun to simplify this complex supply market, and was even invoked by President Bush in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to return prices to pre-hurricane levels.

Whether it's working to add new supply, expanding our ability to refine more gasoline, or simplifying the gasoline we send to market, Blunt continues to fight for lower gas prices TODAY so that we can achieve real energy independence in the future.